The total population of [illegible] Andaman District was [illegible]

(b) The number of tribal and non-tribal families affected due to earthquake that jolted the Andaman District on 26.12.2004 was 205 and 30,320 respectively.

Assessment of damages/losses in South Andaman

834. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Damage Assessment Committee has been constituted by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration to assess the damages/losses caused to the human life and properties to the families living in the Andaman district due to earthquake occurred on 26th December, 2004; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Damage assessment teams, comprising representatives from Department of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Civil Supply, Police and Revenue have been constituted for assessing the damages sustained in various sectors. The assessment teams for South Andaman were constituted by Deputy Commissioner (Andamans) and for Middle & North Andaman the teams were constituted by Assistant Commissioner, Mayabunder.

Financial assistance to Kerala for flood relief

835. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of Kerala for [illegible] for flood relief from the National Calamity Contingency Fund is pending with Government for sanction and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government turned down the proposal of the State Government if any, for the massive relief operations during the current year, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent of loss reported from roads, agriculture crops and irrigation systems following the calamity and the assistance sanctioned by Government to make good the loss thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Government of Kerala has submitted a memorandum seeking financial assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for the damage due to heavy rains & floods in July & August 2005. The Inter-Ministerial Central Team has visited the State w.e.f. 5—8th September 2005, for an on the spot assessment of damage and requirements of funds. The report of the Central Team is processed in accordance with the laid down procedure and financial assistance is provided to the State Government from NCCF, if required.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As per the provisinal information received from the State Government, about 60,210, ha. of agricultural crops have been affected. The damage to irrigation projects is estimated at Rs. 2505.00 lakh.

Relief provided to Tsunami victims from LG's Relief Fund

836. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many families of Andaman District affected by earth-quake occurred on 26th December, 2004 were paid immediate relief of Rs. 2000/-per family from LG's Relief Fund; and

(b) how many employees of Andaman & Nicobar administration working in Andaman District working as on 26th December, 2004 were paid immediate relief from LG's Relief Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) An immediate relief of Rs. 2000/-per family from Lt. Governnor's Relief Fund was paid to 9181 families of Andaman District affected by the earthquake/Tsunami occurred on 26-12-2004.

(b) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Attack by sub-ordinates on senior in para-military forces

837. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been increasing incidences of attacks by sub-ordinates on senior cadres due to frustration and stress within para-military forces like CRPF and BSF;

(b) whether deployment of para military personnel, a large number of ıem from South, at border and remote areas in the North-East over long ɜnures build up stress and frustration; and

(c) whether Government would initiate moves to get senior officers ıvolved in regular interface with their juniors as also their families to apprise ıemselves of the family problems of the jawans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir,.

(b) Deployment in hard areas is one of the reasons causing stress. 'here is a system of rotation of troops from hard to soft areas for the ıersonnel of Central Police Forces (CPFs) to take care of this factor.

(c) CPFs have taken various measures including regular interaction of ɜnior officers with their subordinates and their families so as to help ɜdressal of their grievances and solution of personal problems.

Relief to families affected by Tsunami in Andaman

838. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME ıFFAIRS be pleased to state how many families living in Andaman District ıffected by earthquake and Tsunami Tidal wave occurred on 26th December,)04 paid Rs. 3000/-per family as temporary relief for affected families anctioned vide order No. 631 dated 19th February, 2005 and .s. 10,000/-per family as Gratuitous relief for loss to house hold articles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) A total of 3139 families, which were affected ue to earthquake and Tsunami on 26th December, 2004, were given .s. 10,000/-as relief for household damages and Rs. 3000/-as temporary elief in Andaman District.

ISI network

†839. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME FFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the network of ISI has ɔread in the North India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that its network spread because of industry, ıusiness, contractors and security forces; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Available inputs suggest continued anti-India activities by the Pak Intelligence Agencies particularly ISI. Northern states like Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh are relatively more affected by Pak ISI activities.

(b) No such reports have come to the notice of the Government.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Potential of wind power energy

840. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total/estimated potential of wind power energy in the country;

(b) the total exploitable potential of wind power estimated so far;

(c) the installed capacity of wind power in the country; and

(d) the steps taken to exploit more potential of wind power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) The gross wind power potential in the country has been estimated at over 45,000 MW. Major part of the potential, however, lies in low wind regimes having wind power density of 200—300 Watt per square metre.

(b) The exploitable potential, which is limited by availability of grid capacity, is presently about 15,000 MW.

(c) A total wind power capacity of 4227MW has been installed in the country so far.

(d) Grid interactive wind power projects are set up commercially with private sector investment. The steps taken by the Government to promote setting up of wind power projects include concessional import duty for wind electricity generator sub-systems, excise duty exemption, ten years tax holiday on power projects, benefit of accelerated depreciation and loan from Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) and other financial institutions. Wind resource assessment studies are supported in various states for identifying new areas for deployment of wind power projects. Resource assessment, Testing & Certification and R&D support are being provided by the Centre for Wind Energy Technology (C-WET), Chennai, which is an autonomous institution under the administrative control of this Ministry.